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SUBJ: MOSCOW IDEOLOGICAL MEETING

1. MFA HAS TOLD FRENCH EMB THAT CURRENT MEETING OF PARTY IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARIES IN MOSCOW WAS CONVENED TO PREPARE FOR SUBSEQUENT SESSION OF WARSAW PACT PARTY LEADERS. FRENCH HAVE REPORT THAT BREZHNEV'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO CUBA HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL MID-JANUARY, POSSIBLY TO ALLOW FOR WP SUMMIT IN EARLY JANUARY. ON OTHER HAND, ROMANIAN FOREIGN MIN MACOVESCU TOLD CHARGE LAST NIGHT THAT DESPITE "RUMORS WHICH HE ALSO HAD HEARD," HE KNEW OF NO CURRENT PLANS FOR WP SUMMIT. SOVIET COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY ALSO DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORTHCOMING WP SUMMIT AND CONSIDERED IT WAS UNLIKELY IN NEXT FEW WEEKS AT LEAST BECAUSE OF HEAVY SCHEDULES OF

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LEADERS.

2. ACCORDING TO OCCASIONALLY RELIABLE ROMANIAN SOURCE, PARTY CC DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS MIHAI DULEA (ONE OF PARTY SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI'S DEPUTIES) LEFT WITHOUT PUBLICITY FOR MOSCOW DEC. 13, INDICATING THAT ROMANIANS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INTENSIVE SPADE WORK ON CONFERENCE AS OF THAT DATE.

3. PESHCHERSKY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MOSCOW MEETING WOULD NOT COVER CHINA AND WOULD HAVE GENERAL PHILOSOPHICAL TONE COVERING IDEOLOGICAL STANCE UNDER DETENTE, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND RELATIONS WITH WEST, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ATTITUDES TOWARD SOCIALIST PARTIES, ETC.

4. IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT ROMANIANS INTEND TO STICK TO THEIR PREVIOUS IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING REFUSAL TO CONDEMN ANY PARTY, NOTABLY CHINA, IN ITS ABSENCE, BUT ALSO TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE IN "DISCUSSION" OF IDEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS AS LONG AS NO ATTEMPT DEMANDS ARE MADE TO IMPOSE A COMMON LINE OR RE-ESTABLISH A LEADING "CENTER." SCINTEIA (DEC. 19) CHARACTERISTICALLY HEADLINED MOSCOW MEETING AS ONE INVOLVING PARTIES FROM "SOME" SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, ONE ROMANIAN JOURNALIST SOURCE, RECALLING UNEXPECTED INTERVENTION OF SYRIAN CP LEADER BAKDASH IN 1968 PRELIMINARIES TO LATER MOSCOW CP SUMMIT, NOTED THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS COULD NEVER BE RULED OUT HOWEVER MUCH ROMANIA MAY INSIST ON ITS PRINCIPLES IN ADVANCE.

5. ANOTHER ROMANIAN SOURCE HAS HINTED THAT ROMANIA'S ISOLATION ON CHINA ISSUE HAS BEEN TEMPERED (E.G., AT DRESDEN IDEOLOGICAL MEETING OF WP DEFMIN POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN OCTOBER) BY FAINT POLISH GESTURE OF SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT IF ANY MORE SUBSTANTIAL WP RESTIVENESS WITH SOVIET LINE HAD DEVELOPED, ROMANIANS WOULD NOT BE KEEPING IT SECRET.
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